



# CITY OF ADA

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

*April 2015*

### Upcoming Projects:

Construction continues on West 18th Street as crews work to replace aging water lines and resurface street.

Water tower on West 20th to receive complete rehabilitation. Work is scheduled to last two months. Please be mindful when driving in that area.

### Don't forget to:

Check out the new and improved City of Ada website at [www.adaok.com](http://www.adaok.com). Also, enter your upcoming event on the community calendar located under EVENTS on the website.



## Penny for our City Update

What a difference a penny can make!

In 1983, the citizens of Ada approved a penny tax to fund Valley View Hospital. That tax didn't expire until 2010. For 27 years, the city was not able to make much needed long-overdue improvements to its public facilities.

In August 2010, citizens approved a renewal of this penny sales tax to make some big improvements including police and fire stations, a new sports complex, an engineering study on primary water lines from Byrd's Mills Springs, and beautification of the downtown district.

After several years of hard work by citizens committees, construction is set to begin on these projects in the next few months. The initial "Penny for our City" measure will expire at the end of 2015.

The new police station will be located at Townsend and 13th.

The new fire station will be located at Broadway and 14th.

The new sports complex will be located on the northeast corner of the intersection of State Highway 99 and Egypt Road, due east from CLEET.

Main Street improvements will start in the downtown district, from railroad tracks to Constant Street and outward from there.

The Engineering Study is complete!

The "Penny for our City" extension passed on January 13, 2015. It's not a tax increase and will end in 8 years. The tax is funded by all shoppers, not just local citizens.

The extended penny will cover new swimming pools at Winter-smith and Glenwood, a new senior citizens center, next phases of Main Street, next phases of the sports complex, amphitheater rehabilitation, and a work force housing program. The tax is expected to raise \$28,300,000.

The completion of these major quality of life projects will benefit the City of Ada well into the future. New facilities also bring more visitors (and more tax dollars) into our community—a win/win for Ada!



## Nemecek ends long term of service



As a young man, Councilman Darrell Nemecek grew up in Norman and Noble. Nemecek moved to Ada in 1967 to attend East Central University. While attending college, he served in the Army Reserve.

Councilman Nemecek started as a patrol officer for the Ada Police Department in 1971. Moving up the ranks, he retired as assistant chief in 1996. Soon after, he became ECU's chief of police. Nemecek retired from ECU in 2006.

While serving as captain with the Ada P.D., Councilman Nemecek had the privilege of attending the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He was also one of two officers who started the S.W.A.T. team in Ada, which later became known as C.I.R.T.

Darrell decided to run in the City Council Election (Ward 3) in 2003. He felt he could serve the community, and help the city employees, having formerly been one.

Darrell won that election and served for 12 years, including three separate terms as Mayor. He had only one opponent the entire time. During his tenure, he helped bring Globe Manufacturing to Ada, made several airport improvements possible, worked to

pass the "Penny for our City" sales tax, as well as Propositions 1 and 2.

Darrell also worked with Council to make the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center at ECU possible. Another main focus was maintaining and repairing the streets of Ada, which is always a work in progress. Councilman Nemecek has also served with the Oklahoma Municipal League since 2007. While serving with OML, he's been on the Legislative Board, and the Mayor's Board.

Darrell is stepping down as an Ada City Councilman representative officially on May 4. Preston Draper will be sworn into office on that day.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the city grow, and serving the great people of Ada," Darrell said. "Leaving is hard. I've made a lot of great friends along the way. I will miss working for the residents in an official capacity, but it's time to move on."

Councilman Nemecek has been married to wife Conna for 43 years. They have two daughters - Aimee, a teacher in Bowlegs; and Heather Smith and son-in-law Craig, who are both teachers in Prague. He has one grandson,

Connar, who is 5 years old, and in kindergarten. Councilman Nemecek said he intends to spend a lot of time with his family.



Thank you for serving Councilman Nemecek. You will be missed!

# Ada Public Library

## *Did you know?*



### Collection

If you haven't been to the Ada Public Library lately, you're missing out. The library currently has a collection of over 60,000 volumes in house and access to around 60,000 electronic items. They also feature audio books on CD, movies for check out, and computers available for public use.

Overdrive is the e-book platform the library uses. It can be downloaded on the library's website at <http://www.ada.lib.ok.us/>. The ID and Pin # is the patron's library card minus the three zeros between the "P" and the actual numbers. For example, if your patron # is P000123456, your ID and pin # would be P123456. If a patron needs assistance, training is available on a one-on-one basis.

The Ada Public Library also features new baby library kits that include a book, bib, reading program information and library card information. They are distributed to hospitals and given to new mothers to take home, but others are welcome to pick a kit up at the library in they don't deliver their baby locally.

### Hours of Operation

Hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Closed on Sunday. Phone # 580.436.8124.

### Obtaining a library card

There is no age requirement. Under 18 does need to have a parent present who has a valid ID and something and something to show their present address. No cost to receive a library card, but there is a \$2 replacement cost if lost. However, a photo ID will be accepted in place of a missing library card.

The Ada Public Library is located at 124 S. Rennie in the old Montgomery Ward Building. We hope you stop by and visit soon. The library is a wonderful place to be!

## Employee Spotlight

### Trudy Nevland, Public Works

When you call 436.8100 for the Public Works Department, Trudy Nevland is the face behind the voice. She has been with the Public Works Division for 26 years. She know everything there is to know about trash service, street closures, city construction, water issues (if repairs are happening), among many other things. You will call Trudy for pot holes, missing road signs, traffic lights not functioning

property, missed garbage or recycling pick-up.

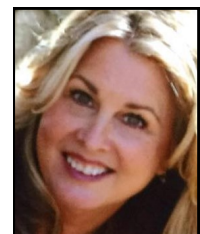
Trudy has been a member of the recycling coalition in Ada for more than 20 years, and has been instrumental in bringing curbside recycling to Ada.

Trudy has been married to Scott for 30 years. They have two children, and three grandchildren. When Trudy is not working, she enjoys travelling with her husband,

and spending weekends at the lake.

Trudy works directly under the Public Works Director, Carl Allen. Stop by and visit anytime you like at 220 W. 7th.

Trudy Nevland  
Office Manager



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## Fun Fact....

The Memorial Convention Hall originally stood on the site of the present City Hall. The impressive two story building cost \$100,000 to erect. Will Rogers, several Oklahoma governors, and other dignitaries performed or lectured at this fine center. The building also housed the Ada Youth Center, the American Legion, Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Chamber of Commerce and the National Guard.



Actor Will Rogers spoke at the Memorial Convention Hall.

The City of Ada is a progressive, quality -oriented municipality located in the rolling hills of south-central Oklahoma. It was incorporated as a city in 1901, and currently has a population of close to 17,000. The city government provided by the Charter is the "Council-Manager" form of municipal government.

Ada is a prominent leader among cities in Oklahoma, and is know for its commitment to a high quality of life and effective planning for the future of its citizens. City employees are trained to be professional and competent in the delivery of service to our citizens. They constantly strive to provide a superior environment and always promote the general welfare of the community.

We welcome your interest in Ada City Government, and encourage your further involvement in the community.

City Council Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 5:45 p.m. inside City Hall.

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